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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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GASTRO-ESOPHAGEAL IMPLANT

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**Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Within Three Months of  
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**B. Cited Information**

- ☒ Copies of references 1-46 are issued patent(s) and published application(s) and are not included (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(ii)).
- ☒ Copies of references 47-52 are enclosed.

**C. Effect of Information Disclosure Statement (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h))**

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**E. Patent Term Adjustment (37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d))**

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Respectfully submitted,  
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